3. M/s. R.J. Foundry, Ahmedabad for industrial use in the manufacture of C.I. casting.

The matter is under consideration of FDA.

Subsidy on Non-Merit Goods

602. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce subsidy on "Non-merit goods" during 1997-98 and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The total provision for subsidies as per the Budget for 1997-98 is placed at Rs. 18251 for the year 1997-98 (BE) which reflects an increase of 9.3 per cent over the revised estimate of Rs. 16694 crore in 1996.97. Details of subsidies provided by the Central Government during 1988-89 to 1997-98 (BE) are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Details of subsidies provided by the Central Government during 1988-89 to 1997-98 (BE)

(In crores of rupees)

		Actuals 1988-69	Actuals 1989-90	Actuals 1990-91	Actuals 1991-92	Actuals 1992-93	Actuals 1993-94	Actuals 1994-95	Actuals 1995-96	Actuals 1996-97	Actuals 1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A.	**Major Subsidies**	6787	9032	9581	9793	9414	10764	11527	12128	14233	17130
1.	Food	2200	2476	2450	2850	2800	5537	5100	5377	6066	7500
2.	Indigenous (Urea) Fertiliser	3000	3771	3730	3500	4800	3800	4075	4300	4743	5240
3.	Imported (Urea) Fertiliser	201	771	659	1300	996	762	1166	1935	1350	1950
4.	Fertiliser subsidy to small and marginal farmers	-	-	-	385	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Export promotion and Market Development	1386	2014	2742	1758	818	665	658	16	400	440
6.	Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concession to farmers	-	-	-	-	-	-	528	500	1674	2000
B.	**Debt Relief to Farmers**	-	-	1502	1425	1500	500	341	-	-	-
C.	**Other Subsidies**	945	1442	1075	1035	1081	1418	1064	1177	2461	1121
7.	Railways	207	233	283	312	353	412	420	418	466	537
8.	Mill-made Cloth	27	10	10	15	15	16	-	1	-	-
9.	Handloom Cloth	146	181	185	187	161	174	148	143	98	84
10.	Import-Export of sugar Edible Oils etc.	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	50	50
11.	Interest Subsidies	406	881	379	316	113	113	76	34	1257	34
12.	Assistance for fertilizer promotion	-	-	-	-	340	517	-	-	-	-
13.	Other Subsidies	119	137	218	205	99	186	420	481	590	416
	Total-Subsidies	7732	10474	12158	12253	11995	12682	12932	13305	16694	18251

Textiles Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme

603. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA:

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

SHRI SATYAJIT SINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:

SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:

SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI CHIKHALIA:

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made certain amendments to the updated guidelines dated May, 1, 1991 for payment of relief under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund (TWRF) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers of Himachal Worsted Mills Ltd. Nalagarh (H.P.) who have been found eligible for payment under the said scheme by the office of the Regional Textile Commissioner, Amritsar;

(c) the reasons for which payment under the said scheme has not been made to these poor workers so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release funds for these workers without any delay?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The following amendments have been made in TWRF Scheme:

(i) The TWRF Scheme has also been made applicable to cases of partial closure on a case to case basis subject to certain conditions.

(ii) Under the eligibility clause the wage ceiling limit has been raised from Rs. 1600/- per month to Rs. 2500/- per month.

The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs.

[Translation]

Coal Stock

604. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sufficient stock of Coal at present;

(b) if so, the quantum of Coal lying in the godowns at present at and the quantum of coking coal therein; and

(c) the total quantum of coking coal produced every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vendible coal stock with Coal India Limited (CIL) as on 1.7.1997 was 22.45 million tonnes (provisional). Out of which, the quantum of coking coal was about 4.20 million tonnes.

(c) The total quantum of coking coal produced from the mines of CIL during the last two years is as under:-

(million tonnes)

1995-96	1996-97 (provisional)
34.63	34.77

Export by Industriee

605. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the share of small industries in export in comparison to that of organised sector at present;

(b) the contribution made by them in generating employment and and assets in the country; and

(c) the long term policy formulated by the Government for the development of small industry sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per data on exports from small industries collected from various Export Promotion Councils, Export Development Authorities, etc., for the year 1995-96 (latest available), out of the total exports of Rs. 1,06,464.86 crores, the share of SSI sector was Rs. 36,470.22 crores which is about 34.25%.

(b) There were about 27.24 lakhs SSI units during 1995-96 which provided employment to around 153 lakh persons. No information is available regarding generation of assets in the country by these units.

(c) The policy measures taken by Government include priority sector lending to SSI, fiscal concessions, reservation of items for exclusive manufacture (currently numbering 821) and price and purchase preference to products manufactured by the sector. Several Government assisted schemes are also being implemented for promotion and development of the SSI sector. Important schemes are for providing infrastructural support through Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme, enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation, enhancement of entrepreneurship development institutes as well as involving voluntary agencies, strengthening special employment generation programmes by way of self-employment through PMRY schemes and enhancing information and data base of SSI sector.